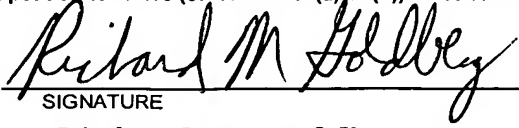


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/ES2003/000579</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>November 14, 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>November 19, 2002</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>DISPOSABLE PROTECTOR FOR THE SEAT RING OR UPPE PART OF A TOILET</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Raquel FERNANDEZ ESCORTELL, as legal representative for the deceased inventor, Albert FERNANDEZ MATEU</b>		
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Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and  
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- c) Letter dated May 9, 2005 from the International Office, confirming the request for a change of applicant under Rule 92 bis, following the death of the inventor, Albert Fernandez Mateu.
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- j) Preliminary Amendment; and
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**APPLICANT QUALIFIES FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS.**

Applicant Raquel FERNANDEZ ESCORTELL is the legal representative for the deceased inventor, Albert FERNANDEZ MATEU.

It is respectfully requested that the above-identified PCT application be granted a filing date within the May 19, 2005 convention term (30 months), based on Spanish Application No.

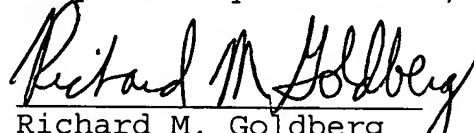
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